

## Brief Biography

*HARRISON BLACKMOND, JR.*

Harrison Blackmond, Jr. is a native of rural Alabama and Cincinnati, Ohio. After serving almost three years in the U.S. Army, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Cincinnati. Subsequently, Blackmond earned a Juris Doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School.

He is a member of both the Michigan and California Bar Associations.

### Professional Career Highlights

- Associate in the Detroit law firm of Levin, Levin, Garvett and Dill
- Executive Director for the South Wayne Education Association providing labor counsel to a labor organization composed of teachers from five Wayne County school districts
- Staff Attorney for the Michigan Education Association
- Deputy District Attorney with the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
- Vice President, Human Resources for the Taubman Company a leading developer and manager of commercial retail properties based in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan
- Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for the Michigan Partnership for New Education, a statewide education reform initiative
- Founded Union Hill Consulting Group which led the Annenberg Grant community planning process for the Skillman Foundation which resulted in a successful proposal to the Annenberg Foundation.
- Co-founder of the Blackmond Givens Group, Inc. which provided management and leadership for the Detroit Empowerment Zone Development Corporation and to manage the implementation of the last five years of the Detroit Empowerment Zone. The Empowerment Zone was a federally funded community development project valued at \$100,000,000 over ten years.
- President and CEO, of the Detroit Black Alliance for Educational Options. An organization dedicated to educational options for Black families.
- Vice President and General Counsel for Blackhawk, Inc., a provider of armed and unarmed security guard services for government and commercial clients.

### Representative Civic Involvement

- Member, Board of Directors, *Schools That Can*
- Member, *ASIS*, an international association of security professionals
- Lifetime Member, *Black Alliance for Educational Options*
- Past Member, Board of Education, *Trillium Academy Charter School*
- Past Member, Detroit Workforce Development Board, *City of Detroit*
- Past Chair, Board of Trustees, *Marygrove College, Detroit, Michigan*
- Past President, *Business Education\Training Alliance*
- Former Vice Chairman, Member of Executive Committee and Board of Directors, *Detroit Regional Chamber*
- Past Member, *Professional Standards Commission for Teachers*, appointed by the State of Michigan Board of Education